

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1558 - SB 1993**

February 19, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases from 90 to 120 days the amount of time an individual has to claim a lottery prize, when such prize is due from a winning instant game lottery ticket. Increases from \$18.0 million to \$20.0 million the limit with which any excess unclaimed lottery prize money shall accrue to the Lottery for Education Account.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

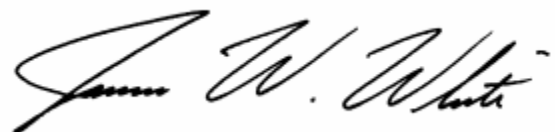
**Other Fiscal Impact – If unclaimed prize money were to ever exceed the current \$18.0 million limit in the future, then after-school programs would benefit by such excess amount up to \$2.0 million. Any unclaimed prize money in excess of \$20.0 million would accrue to the Lottery for Education Account. However, this is considered an unlikely scenario in the near future given historical trends and forecasts for unclaimed prize money for FY07-08 and FY08-09. Otherwise, the fiscal impact of this legislation is considered minimal.**

#### Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation (TELC), increasing the time limit for claiming instant game prizes will not have a significant impact upon revenues or prize expense for the corporation.
- Currently, 100% of any unclaimed prize money up to an \$18.0 million limit is earmarked for after-school programs; any unclaimed prize money in excess of \$18.0 million is earmarked for the Lottery for Education Account.
- Unclaimed prize money has never exceeded \$18.0 million in any fiscal year.
- The TELC has estimated unclaimed prize money to be \$12.0 million per year in FY07-08 and FY08-09.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director